(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) if not, the details of the work done/being done for the Muslims; and

(d) the results achieved therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Under the 15-Point Programme for welfare of minorities, action is being taken for welfare of all minorities including the Muslims. Besides, this Ministry is implementing following schemes for the welfare of minorities including the Muslims:—

(i) **The National Minorities Development & Finance Corporation** has disbursed Rs. 388.84 crore as term loan to cover 1,08,654 beneficiaries and Rs. 6.73 crore as micro finance to cover 46,587 beneficiaries.

(ii) **Maulana Azad Education Foundation** has disbursed Rs. 49.40 crores to 406 NGOs upto March, 2002.

(iii) **The Central Wakf Council** has disbursed Rs. 22 crore to 103 projects for development of Urban Wakf Properties. The Council has also disbursed Rs. 1.47 crore under educational schemes during 2001-2002.

(iv) **Scheme of Pre-Examination coaching for weaker sections based on economic criteria:** Under the the Pre-Examination Coaching Scheme, Rs. 14.84 crores were disbursed to over 42,050 so far.

Observations of NMC on Gujarat incidents

3593. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Minorities Commission has made strong adverse observations on the manner in which things have been handled by the State Government during the communal carnage in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted these recommendations;

(d) if so, the course of action adopted to implement them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Minorities has written to the State Government of Gujarat suggesting various measures to be adopted for restoring normalcy in the State of Gujarat and for providing adequate relief and compensation etc.

(c) to (e) The State Government has responded to the suggestions/ recommendations made by the Commission.

Reservation of posts for most Backward Classes

3594. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has recommended for reservation of posts and appointments for most backward classes with suitable parameters for their identification;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) to (c) No, Madam, However, following the judgement of the Supreme Court in the case of Indira Sawhney and others *vs.* Union of India and others, 27% reservation in Civil Posts and Services under the Central Government has been provided to Other Backward Classes subject to exclusion of 'Cremy Layer'.

Demand for inclusion of certain castes in SC List

3595. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been demand from Tamil Nadu for inclusion of Kuruman, Kurumban, Kurumbar, castes in the list of Scheduled Castes in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYA NARAYAN JATIYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.